

# NEPA Program–The President’s or Other Infrastructure, Transmission, Transportation and Renewable Energy Projects (2/19/14)

Lead Agency and Partnering Agency(s)	Project Name and Description	Lead NEPA Specialist, Status, Concern or Next Milestone	Project Type/Comments/Notes/Contact Information
Department of Transportation , – Maritime Administration <b>DOT</b>	<b>Port of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana</b>  Port of New Orleans will rebuild a specialized rail yard at the Louisiana Avenue terminal along the Mississippi River. The project’s objective is to reduce congestion, facilitate the movement of marine and rail cargo, stimulate international commerce, and maintain an essential port asset in a state of good repair. This is a TIGER III Grantee. This is a freight rail project on port property – the grant is administered by MARAD but NEPA must be completed by FRA.	<b>Kimeka Price</b>  <b>Status:</b> Project is in initiation phase <b>Concern:</b> N/A <b>Next Milestone:</b> N/A	<b>Infrastructure</b>
Bureau of Land Management <b>BLM</b>	<b>Enterprise WEP III Pipeline Project-Mid American Pipeline (MAPL), New Mexico</b> Environmental Assessment  The proposed project is a 16-inch natural gas pipeline consisting of five segments all located within New Mexico.	<b>Mike Jansky</b>  <b>Status:</b> EA is being prepared. <b>Concern:</b> N/A <b>Next Milestone:</b> N/A	<b>Infrastructure</b> If a water discharge permit is necessary for hydrostatic testing of the pipeline, EPA Region 6 would be the authority for a NPDES permit. It is unclear if case will present itself. Depending on the route and whether any compressor stations are to be built on Indian lands, EPA might have to issue CAA permits.
US Army Corps of Engineers <b>USACE</b>	<b>Luce Bayou Interbasin Transfer Project, Texas</b>  The proposed project will provide a municipal water supply for Houston, Texas and its surrounding area by utilizing surface water rights currently available to Houston from Lake Livingston in the Trinity River basin. There are water use and wetland issues related to this project.	<b>Keith Hayden</b>  <b>Status:</b> Comments on the FEIS were submitted on 11/15/13. <b>Concern:</b> Impacts to aquatic resources, and shoreline erosions. <b>Next Milestone:</b> Waiting for the ROD to see if comments were addressed.	<b>Infrastructure</b>

US Army Corps Engineers <b>USACE</b>	<b>Morganza of the Gulf, Louisiana</b>  USACE proposes to make changes and improvements in the planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Morganza to the Gulf hurricane and storm damage risk reduction system project to prevent future disasters to the greatest extent possible. The purpose of this project is to reduce the risk of damage caused by hurricane storm surges.	<b>Mike Jansky</b>  <b>Status:</b> DEIS review completed on 2/19/13, and rated EO-2. FEIS review on 6/20/13. R6 still has concerns regarding the long-term effects of increased frequency of gate closure.  <b>Concern:</b> Wetlands, EJ and Tribal.  <b>Next Milestone:</b> FEIS review completed on 6/20/13; <b>Awaiting ROD.</b>	<b>Infrastructure</b>
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Federal Highway Administration <b>FHWA</b>	<b>Baton Rouge Loop, Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge Parishes, LA.</b>  DEIS received in November 2011. A 90 to 105 mile long circumferential controlled access free-flow roadway to include 2 new Mississippi crossings.	<b>Keith Hayden</b>  <b>Status:</b> Draft EIS received and reviewed. Project received EO-2 rating.  <b>Concern:</b> Significant impacts to wetland and waterways; alternate screening analysis.  <b>Next Milestone:</b> Awaiting FEIS.	<b>Transportation</b>  EPA requested that additional analysis and evaluation of potential impacts be completed before a preferred corridor is selected. Documents in Environmental Science Connector (ESC).
Federal Highway Administration <b>FHWA</b>	<b>South Padre Island (SPI) Second Access Project, South Padre Island, Cameron County, TX</b>  Proposes to construct a new location highway/bridge over the Laguna Madre to provide an alternate route connecting South Padre Island to the mainland of Texas.	<b>Keith Hayden</b>  <b>Status:</b> Draft EIS received and reviewed. Project received EO-2 rating. . R6 preparing comment letter in response to Oct 24, 2013 meeting.  <b>Concern:</b> Significant impacts to sea grasses, tidal mud flats, wetlands, including potential Aquatic Resources of National Importance (ARNI),	<b>Transportation</b>  EPA requested that alternative alignments be developed to avoid or lessen impacts to sea grasses, mud flats, wetlands, including potential ARNIs, and endangered species habitat. EPA requested the applicant develop a detailed draft mitigation plan.  October 24, 2013 meeting: TxDOT/FHWA provided summary of project revisions and

		waterways, and endangered species habitat. <b>Next Milestone:</b> Awaiting FEIS.	updates and to discuss revisions to the alternatives screening process, project schedule, and response to EPA's comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).  Documents in Environmental Science Connector (ESC).
Federal Highway Administration <b>FHWA</b>	<b>Grand Parkway, Texas</b>  Proposed 180+ mile circumferential highway traversing seven counties and encircling the Greater Houston region, TX.	<b>Mike Jansky</b>  <b>Status:</b> Segment H and I-1: DEIS received and reviewed. DEIS rated as EC-2. Segment B: DEIS received and reviewed. DEIS rated as EC-2. <b>Concern:</b> N/A <b>Next Milestone:</b> Segment B: Unknown delivery date of FEIS Segment H and I1: Unknown delivery date of FEIS	<b>Transportation</b>  Segment E: The Corps is appealing a district court ruling that found the Corps violated NEPA when it issued a wetlands fill permit for the construction of Segment E of the Grand Parkway without considering the cumulative impacts of anticipated new development, including increased storm water runoff. EPA did not comment on storm water issues in our 309 comment letter dated June 12, 2003.  Segments F-1, F-2 and G: WQ Division has major concerns regarding the utilization of the new Katy Prairie Stream Mitigation Bank for mitigating stream impacts.
Federal Aviation Administration <b>FAA</b>	<b>Next Generation Air Transportation System Houston, Texas</b>  Environmental Assessment Modernization of our national airspace that integrates new and existing technologies to reduce carbon emissions by utilizing <u>satellite navigation based arrival and departure procedures</u> which optimizes aircraft descent and climb profiles to reduce or eliminate level-offs that create diverging departure paths. The result is the aircraft will get on course to their destination faster, thereby <u>reducing fuel consumption and carbon emissions</u> .	<b>Mike Jansky</b>  <b>Status:</b> Received and responded to notice of intent to prepare EA. Draft EA received and comments submitted on February 9, 2013.  <b>Concern:</b> N/A  <b>Next Milestone:</b> Awaiting Final EA.	<b>Transportation</b> FAA contact: Mark Phillips, 303-261-6829

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement <b>OSM</b>	<p><b>Four Corners Power Plant and Navajo Mine Energy Project</b>, San Juan County, New Mexico and Navajo, Coconino and Apache Counties, AZ.</p> <p>The EIS will analyze impacts of a new coal supply agreement, a coal mine expansion, and transmission line rights of way.</p>	<p><b>Kimeka Price</b></p> <p>Status: EIS being developed. Region 9 is lead region.</p> <p><b>Concern:</b> Air, Endangered Species</p> <p><b>Next Milestone:</b> Preliminary DEIS scheduled for delivery in Dec 2013.</p>	<b>Coal Mining</b>
Nuclear Regulatory Commission <b>NRC</b>	<p><b>South Texas 1 and 2 Nuclear Reactors</b></p> <p>EIS is being prepared for the South Texas Project (STP), Units 1 and 2, are pressurized water reactors located approximately 90 miles Southwest of Houston near Bay City, Texas. STP Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC) initiated the proposed Federal action by submitting an application for license renewal of the STP, Units 1 and 2, for which the existing licenses expire on August 20, 2027, and December 15, 2028, respectively</p>	<p><b>Keith Hayden</b></p> <p><b>Status:</b> FEIS received 11/29/13. Comments due 12/30/13. DEIS was rated EC-2.</p> <p><b>Concern:</b> Long term waste storage.</p> <p><b>Next Milestone:</b> Review and comment on FEIS.</p>	<b>Nuclear Energy</b>
Bureau of Land Management <b>BLM</b>	<p><b>SunZia Transmission Line, New Mexico</b></p> <p>The SunZia Southwest Transmission Project is planned to be approximately 500 miles of two single-circuit 500 kV transmission lines and associated substations that interconnect SunZia with numerous 345 kV lines in both states. SunZia will connect and deliver electricity generated in Arizona and New Mexico to population centers in the Desert Southwest. SunZia will increase power reliability and enhance domestic energy security in the Desert Southwest through strategic interconnections with the underlying extra high voltage grid in Arizona and New Mexico.</p>	<p><b>Mike Jansky</b></p> <p><b>Status:</b> EPA received Draft EIS for review and evaluation. DEIS rated as EC-2.</p> <p><b>Concern:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Next Milestone:</b> Final EIS review completed. Supplemental Draft being prepared due to DOD issues.</p>	<p><b>Transmission Line</b> BLM contact: Adrian Garcia, 505-954-2199</p> <p>Participated in conference call on 11/28/12. White Sands Missile base has a routing issue which must be resolved before the project proceeds.</p>

